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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Microsoft settlement. As I am a software developer, I have paid very close attention to this case since its inception and am amazed that we have the current proposal before us. Even though Microsoft was found guilty on key points, the proposed settlement does so little to prevent future occurrences, its as good as no settlement at all. it will lead to Microsoft continuing the very things they were found guilty of! Once more, companies will be denied a fair shot at the marketplace, since MS will use their monopolies to short-circuit the decisions of the market. How can small companies get funding for innovative new ideas and products if the likely result will be that MS steals the market segment without really competing? Will venture capitalists be likely to fund companies if this is the possible result? Obviously no, and the result will be a decrease in innovation, and a decrease in consumer choice.

The question I have to ask is, does our DOJ and the courts actually believe in enforcing the laws that are on our books? Is this the type of legacy that the current DOJ and the courts want to leave, that of a DOJ soft on business (even with a guilty verdict handed to it by the previous administration), and a court more interested in moving the case along than finding a proper remedy?

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